

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT 12-05

Receptionist Office of the Federal Public Defender Southern District of Texas — Brownsville

THE FEDERAL PUBLIC DEFENDER for the Southern District of Texas is accepting applications for the position of Receptionist, to be stationed in the Brownsville, TX branch office. The Federal Public Defender operates under authority of the Criminal Justice Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3006A, to provide defense services in federal criminal cases and related matters by appointment from the court to individuals unable to afford counsel.

Requirements. To qualify for entry level, a person must be a high school graduate or equivalent and have at least two years of general experience; some higher education may be substituted for experience. Personal computer, advanced word-processing skills, and Spanish-language fluency are required; law office experience is preferred. Employment is subject to a satisfactory background investigation.

Duties. Answer telephones and greet visitors; interact courteously with clients, colleagues, the public and court personnel. Work well under pressure; type correspondence, enter statistical data, and produce reports. File and pickup papers at courthouse. Accomplish other support duties as assigned. The full Position Qualifications Statements and Position Description is available for inspection in this office.

Selection Criteria. Candidates must possess good communication skills, initiative and capability of working in a high volume, fast paced office. The successful candidate will also have a demonstrated work history of dependability, responsibility and the ability to be a team player.

Salary and Benefits. Starting salary will be commensurate with experience and qualifications of the applicant, within a range from JSP-5, Step 1 to JSP-7, Step 1, currently yielding \$31,315 to \$38,790 per annum. The position is in the excepted service and does not carry the tenure rights of the competitive Civil Service. The position does include the same benefits as other federal government employees including participation in health and life insurance, retirement, and the Thrift Savings Plan. Salary is payable only by Electronic Funds Transfer (direct deposit).

How to Apply. Qualified persons may apply by sending a letter of interest (mentioning announcement number 12-05) and a résumé to: Federal Public Defender, Southern District of Texas, 440 Louisiana Street, Suite 1350, Houston, Texas 77002-1634, Attn: Administrative Officer or email Laura_Dusthimer@fd.org. For applicants with disabilities, this organization provides reasonable accommodations, determined on a case by case basis. To request a reasonable accommodation for any part of the application or interview process, contact Laura Dusthimer, Administrative Officer. Position announced April 23, 2012. Open until filled.

The Federal Public Defender is an equal-opportunity employer.